

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 71

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A RESOLUTION to urge the Department of Economic and Community Development to establish a trade office in Taipei, Taiwan.

WHEREAS, Taiwan and the State of Tennessee have been sister states since 1980 and enjoy a long history of friendship, trade, and cultural exchange; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Economic and Community Development currently operates a number of trade offices in various countries around the globe, including Japan, Germany, and Italy; and

WHEREAS, as Tennessee proactively works to identify and recruit new foreign investment into the state as well as increase foreign markets for Tennessee exports, it is vital to the continued economic development of our state to establish a trade office in Taiwan; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that the Department of Economic and Community Development is urged to establish and maintain an office in Taipei, Taiwan, for the purposes of mutual economic development and maintaining and establishing trade relations with Taiwan and Taiwanese businesses.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared and transmitted to the commissioner of the Department of Economic and Community Development.